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Redevelopment Board Minutes 05/18/2009

Arlington Redevelopment Board

Approved June 1, 2009

Minutes of May 18, 2009

Members Present:

Andrew West, Chair
Christopher Loreti, Vice Chair
Bruce Fitzsimmons

Andy West called the meeting to order at 7:00 and explained to the audience that he couldn't begin the scheduled hearing until a fourth member of the Board arrived. In the meantime, he suggested that the Board review the minutes of the May 11 meeting. After review, Bruce Fitzsimmons moved that the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting be approved. Chris Loreti seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 to approve.

Andy West then asked the Board to talk about alternative uses for the Symmes medical office building (MOB) site. The Board reviewed and made changes to a draft report and resolution for Town Meeting to allow uses other than medical office on the site.

At 7:40, the Board concluded that it would not have a fourth member in attendance and announced that it must continue the hearings that are scheduled for tonight.

Chris Loreti moved that the hearing for a special permit for a wireless communication facility at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 929 Concord Avenue, be continued to June 1 at 7:00 PM in the same meeting room. Bruce Fitzsimmons seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 to approve.

Bruce Fitzsimmons moved that the hearing for an amendment to a special permit to change the sign at Cambridge Savings Bank, 188 Massachusetts Avenue, be continued to June 1 at 7:05 PM in the same meeting room. Chris Loreti seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 to approve.

Chris Loreti moved that the hearing for amendment of a special permit so that TD Bank North at 874 - 880 Massachusetts Avenue can change signs be continued to June 1 at 7:10 PM in the same meeting room. Bruce Fitzsimmons seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 to approve.

Andy West next recognized John Budzyna, Director and Eric Stange, Board Member from the Arlington Center for the Arts. John Budzyna expressed gratitude for the affordable space they occupy in the Gibbs building. He and Eric Stange reported on the activities of the center and its interaction with town residents.

At 8:20 the board recessed to move to the Selectmen's Chambers to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting. At the Selectmen's meeting, Andy West presented the draft report and resolution regarding the Symmes Medical Office Building site (attached). After some discussion the Selectmen voted to support the resolution and instructed staff to send the paper to the Town Meeting Moderator and to Town Meeting members.

The Board then recessed to return to the second floor conference room in the Town Hall annex to put the finishing touches on the report and adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien